

16 Small Specialty High Schools	\$3,805,970	R
Expands the small specialty high school initiative by creating 21 new small specialty schools-within-schools at 11 new sites (bringing the respective totals to 32 schools at 19 sites). Provides planning grants at 10 small schools that intend to design instruction around the following curricular: science, technology, engineering, and/or math (STEM). Provides \$261,680 to support four months of principal salary for each planning site prior to becoming operational in the 2007-08 school year. Any implementation grants for STEM schools shall come from non-State sources.	\$661,680	NR
17 Virtual High School	\$2,588,722	R
Provides funds to support implementation of the NC Virtual Public Schools initiative. Funds provide for seven administrative and support positions or contracted employees, 22 three-month positions, and both one-time and ongoing operating support.	\$189,132	NR
18 School Connectivity	\$6,000,000	NR
Provides funds to be used to upgrade public school connectivity as part of efforts to establish a comprehensive PreK-20 NC Regional Education Network. Funds shall be used to expand the number of public schools serving pre-kindergarten through grade 12 with broadband connectivity; provide "last mile" connectivity to public schools and enhance development of regional broadband networks; infuse technology into schools' instructional efforts; maximize the use of e-Rate; and revise School Technology Plans. Funds that are not expended by June 30, 2007 shall be carried forward for expenditure in FY 2007-08.		
Up to \$300,000 may be transferred to the Office of the Governor to establish NC Virtual within the Education Cabinet. These funds may be used to contract for services to coordinate e-learning activities across all State educational agencies.		
19 Literacy Coaches	\$4,767,400	R
Provides funds to support 100 school-based literacy coaches to be placed in 100 schools that contain an eighth grade. Coaches will provide research-based teaching practices and job-embedded professional development to assist teachers in the development of specialized curricula.		
20 Salary Supplement Pilot for Math and Science Teachers	\$515,115	R
Provides funds for a salary supplement pilot to be developed by the State Board of Education. Three pilot LEAs will receive funds to provide a salary supplement of \$15,000 for up to 10 newly hired math and/or science teachers at the middle and/or high school level.		
21 NCWISE	\$1,900,000	NR
Provides funds to support new short-term contracts required to complete development of the statewide North Carolina Window of Information on Student Education (NCWISE) system.		